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Pell Grants cut for fall as Congress revises

College Press Service

Major changes in the federal Pell Grant program may cost hundreds of thousands of students their grants, forcing them to leave college or shoulder more debt.

"This is going to affect students already in the worst situations," said Laurent Ross, a research associate with the American Council on Education. "Many of these students will have to borrow more money or drop out of school."

Some of the nation's neediest students, already hurt by the Pell Grant cut earlier

this year, now face further reductions as a result of revisions to federal student financial aid programs.

Mary McKinney, director of financial aid at the University of Central Florida, said: "In our evaluation, there is a greater amount of need when you compare the students in need from last year to this year. But there is less eligibility for the Pell Grant."

About 26 percent, or 1.2 million students, who receive Pell Grant awards will

lose them entirely or have the grants cut by more than \$100, according to Ross.

Although last year's changes in the Higher Education Act affect all financial assistance programs, the new laws, which are in effect for the 1993-94 academic year, come down hardest on certain groups of undergraduate students who receive Pell Grants.

"It's a disaster," Ross said. "Students who used to get the Pell Grants are finding

the grants reduced drastically or cut out entirely — and these are the students you want to get the grants. These are the poorest of the poor."

The Pell Grant program was designed to help financially needy undergraduate students meet the costs of their education by providing them with direct financial assistance. The awards are calculated using a formula that determines how much income students and their families can afford to contribute to education.

Ross said the problem with the new laws

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UCF Men's basketball coach announces his resignation

by Alan Byrd

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

After three seasons at the helm of the UCF men's basketball team, head coach Joe Dean resigned Monday.

No reason was given why Dean resigned, but he told the team it was best for him to move on and that he was going back to Birmingham to work with a friend.

"I am very proud of the work and energy we have put into this basketball program the past four years," Dean said. Athletic Director Gene McDowell was disappointed with the decision.

"We are disappointed that Joe has resigned to pursue other interests," McDowell said.

"It's unfortunate," freshman forward James Harper said. Harper was recruited by Dean. "I believe if he would have stayed, the team would have gotten better. He made a bad mistake," Harper said that he enjoyed playing for Dean. "You have your ups and downs with anyone," Harper said. "Even though we were losing, he still

remained enthusiastic."

Sophomore forward Darryl Davis agreed. "I wish he could have stayed," he said. "I liked playing for him."

All-time UCF assists leader Sinua Phillips said the team was in shock when the decision was announced.

Dean leaves the team at what seemed to be one of the brighter spots for

UCF's basketball program. The team had all starters returning and some picked the team to win its conference next season.

"We just have to get our mind back on having a winning season and winning the Trans America Athletic Conference," Phillips said.

Assistant coach Ben DeVary will take over in the interim. DeVary has been a full-time assistant at UCF for the past season and was a restricted-earnings coach for two years on Dean's staff. No decision will be made on a permanent head

coach until the new athletic director is named in July.

"Joe (Dean) recommended him and so did the captains of the team," McDowell said. "I don't want to leave the players dangling."

The new coach will be the fifth coach for UCF in 10 years.

Dean came to UCF at the start of the 1989 season. He compiled a 37-73 record at UCF and boasts a 174-118 overall career record.

After playing and coaching basketball at Mississippi State University, he led the University of Kentucky to the 1978 national championship as an assistant coach. Dean went on to become the head coach at Southern-Birmingham College. He had six consecutive winning seasons at BSC and went to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament twice. He ranks second in UCF coaches for wins.

"I think he made a bad mistake"

- James Harper
UCF FORWARD



UCF Men's basketball coach Joe Dean resigned Monday. (file photo/FUTURE)

Attorney in the Gregory K case: System fails to protect children

by Jon Sargent

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Jerri Blair, the attorney who helped to win Gregory K's right to divorce his parents, spoke to UCF's Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity last Friday.

About 55 students came to hear her view on both the Gregory K case and other related

children right's issues.

Blair was invited and introduced by Dr. David Slaughter, assistant professor of legal studies. In addition to representing Gregory K, Blair also represented the minor in the In Re T.W. case that held minors could have an abortion without parental consent. Recently, she helped several abor-

tion clinics in central Florida to get an injunction against pro-life demonstrations.

Blair first addressed the need to reform how children are handled in the judicial system. She attributes the system's inability to protect children with the increase in prison population.

"Many people who were ne-

glected or abused in childhood are in jail, especially those on death row."

Blair cited a study by the former Bush Administration that demonstrated failing to protect children results in the government paying millions later on prisons.

Blair believes this figure can be attributed to the ineffec-

tiveness of HRS.

"HRS is an inconsistent system that doesn't address the needs of children. Children often stay in foster care too long."

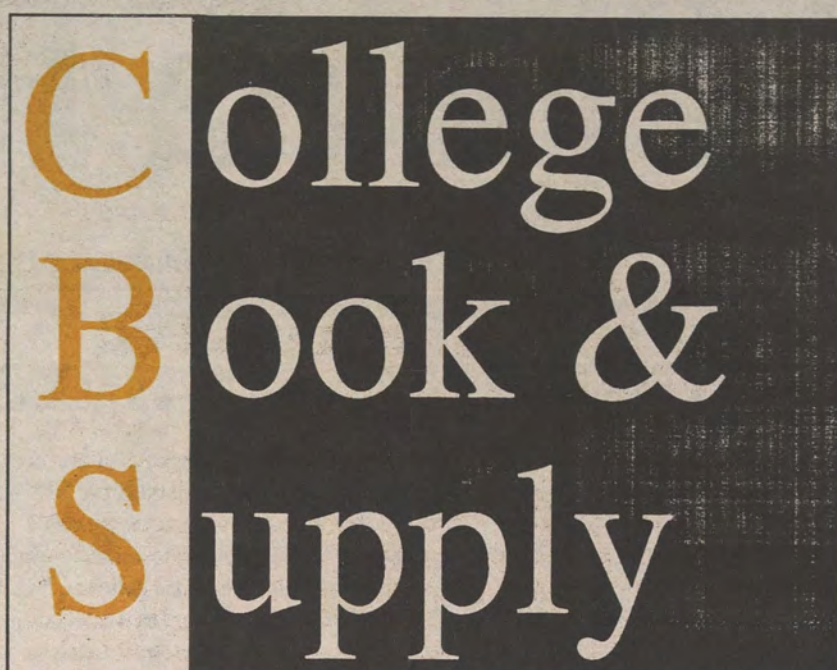
Blair advocates a more proactive stance that will eliminate future costs for criminal

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Man caught with his pants down

by Mark Schlueb
CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

At first, Kristie Friedrich thought she knew the man. It was only when she got nearer to him that she realized his pants were unzipped and he was fondling himself. She did not know the man at all. "He was walking toward

me," Friedrich said. "I was passing him." Friedrich was walking to her car on the sidewalk behind the Education Building at about 2:30 p.m. on April 9 when she saw the man. "Disgust is all I feel about it," she said. She walked to her car and left, police said. Working with Friedrich, police produced a composite sketch of the man.

A copy of the picture was issued to each UCF officer, as well as to sex crimes investigators from other local law enforcement agencies. The man was white, in his early 20s, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 170 pounds, with light brown hair. He was wearing khaki-colored pants and a dress shirt.



Attorney talks on children's rights in court

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imprisonment. Specifically, Blair maintains that the decision in the Gregory K case will better enable children to protect themselves. The Gregory K case established that a child has standing in court, which means he or she can file a petition on his or her own behalf. The case also recognized Gregory K's constitutional right of access to the courts. Blair feels that giving children standing will allow them to better protect themselves when the system has failed to do so. "If the child is not allowed individual standing, it's dangerous if the state or guardian fails to protect the child." She said the ruling will avoid situations like Gregory K's when the neglected child is put in foster care, not contacted by his parents for long periods of time, but later forced to live with the parent by HRS. "The child will have a voice of where [he or she] would like to live with ... a relative, guardian or a potential adoptive parent." Despite the ruling, HRS still does not recognize that children have standing. Instead, Blair said that the state has traditionally regarded children as property. "They are not property, they are people." Since the courts have held that children have constitutional rights, Blair maintains the HRS's refusal to recognize that children have standing is inconsistent. "Why have rights and have no way to enforce them?" In response to a question on what she foresaw in the future, Blair believes that there will be a "[p]ositive new wave of litigation" that better protects children. In response to the fears that the ruling would cause excessive suits by children against their parents, she said frivolous suits would be limited by the standard of proof required in these types of cases. "You must show by clear and convincing evidence that the child is abused, abandoned or neglected," Blair said. Despite the fears of others taking advantage of the ruling, Blair maintains that a child who is mature enough to decide whom he or she wants to stay with should have that right in abuse and neglect proceedings. "A child must have these rights because of their interest in their liberty and safety," Blair said.

Financial aid restructures Pell

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can be traced to changes in that needs-analysis formula. The students at risk of losing their grants or having them reduced fall into two categories: students who are single and independent (they don't rely on their parents or other family members for income), and students who are dependent on their families' income and work part time. "Those students are hurt by the new formula," said Lenthon Clark, director of the Financial Aid Office at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. About 19 percent—or 2,800 students—have received Pell Grants. Clark said he hasn't seen a significant change yet in the number of students receiving the awards or the amount of the awards, but added, "It's still too early in the processing system to tell." Most students are currently applying for Pell Grants for the 1993-94 academic year. Nationwide, the effect of the new law is expected to be dramatic. Of the approximately 4.5 million college students who are expected to receive Pell Grants in the 1993-94 academic year, about 25 percent will be classified as single independents and about 13 percent will be classified as

dependent students who work. "It's very troubling," said Dallas Martin, president of the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators. "Although their circumstances haven't changed at all, many of these students will find themselves with no grants ...". The grant cuts are rooted in a bill that was signed into law by President Bush in July 1992. About every five years, the Higher Education Act of 1965 is reviewed and amendments are made to it. In 1992, the amendments targeted, among other things, the definition of dependency and the old needs-analysis system. The new law makes it more difficult for a student to be classified as an independent. A report released by the Congressional Budget office estimates that 300,000 students who were once considered independents will now be reclassified as dependents. Many of those students will lose their Pell awards or have them reduced. The revised system, which starts in fall of 1993, places students under the age of 24 in the dependent category unless they are married with dependent children, veterans or graduate and professional students. Those who turn 24 before Dec. 31 of 1993 are considered as independent students.

Revised Final Exam Schedule

Day Classes	If the First class of the week meets:		Final Exam Schedule is:	
	Monday	7 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	April 30
		8	8-10 a.m.	May 3
		9	8-10 a.m.	May 5
		10	10:30-12:30	May 3
		11	10:30-12:30	May 5
		12 p.m.	12:30-2:30	April 30
		1	1-3	May 3
		2	1-3	May 5
		3	3-5	April 30
Evening classes	Tuesday	7 a.m.	10:15-12:15	April 30
		8:30	8-10 a.m.	April 29
		10	10:30-12:30	May 4
		11:30	10:30-12:30	April 29
		1 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	May 4
		2:30	1-3 p.m.	April 29
	If the First class of the week meets:		Final Exam Schedule is:	
	Monday	4 p.m.	3:15-5:15 p.m.	May 3
	Tuesday			May 4
	Wednesday			May 5
Evening classes	Thursday			April 29
	Monday	5:30 p.m.	5:20-7:20 p.m.	May 3
	Tuesday			May 4
	Wednesday			May 5
	Thursday			April 29
	Monday	7 p.m.	7:30-9:30 p.m.	May 3
	Tuesday			May 4
	Wednesday			May 5
	Thursday			April 29

Announcements

Spring Commencement
Commencement ceremonies will take place at 8 a.m. for College of Business Administration, 11 a.m. for College of Education and College of Engineering, 3:30 p.m. for College of Arts and Sciences and at 7:30 p.m. for College of Health and Public Affairs May 8 in the UCF Arena.

Summer Grad Deadline
Students intending to graduate during summer of 1993 must file an "Intent to Graduate" form by May 21.

Earth Day '93
The UCF Environmental Society presents Earth Day '93 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday on the UCF Green. Organizations include: The Nature Conservancy, Florida Audubon Society, Save the Manatee Club and Central Florida Earth Alliance. Stores include: The Eco Store, Father Nature and Crescent Moon. Shock Lizard and Two Doors Down will perform live.

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Film Logo Contest
The award winning Motion Picture Division of UCF is seeking a logo to represent the film program. It will become the official program logo used on T-shirts, key chains, letterhead, etc. Over \$100 in prizes will be awarded to the winner. A list of official rules may be picked up at the Motion Picture Division Office located in Portable PC3, Room 201. To receive a list of rules by mail, call 677-6991 and leave your name and address. Mail all entries to Bret Kane, University of Central Florida, Motion Picture Division, Orlando, Fla. 32816-0344.

Library Exhibitions
The following exhibits will be on display in the UCF Library in May: The Art Works of Guang Hui Zhao: Exhibition of the postponed dream by Guang Hui Zhao; Art of the 1990's: Recent Artworks of UCF, by Linda C. Bailey, Art Department; Accessing U.S. Patent Information, by Ted Pfarrer, reference department, library; Nursing Memorabilia, by Dr. Roberta G. Gropper, Nursing Department, UCF Daytona Beach Campus.

SG "Best in Florida"
Florida Leader magazine declared UCF's Student Government Florida's "Best Student Government" (public university), in its 1993 "Best of Florida schools" publication.

Reggae Bash
Caribbean Summer Breeze Productions will feature Ross Brown and Errol at 9 p.m. Thursday at the Impulse Lounge, located at 3300 S. Orange Blossom Trail. College students 18 and up welcome. College students get two-for-one admission with identification. Regular admission, \$5. Paul Williams of 1600 AM will DJ. The video "Peculiar Girl" will be filmed for CSN. The company will give prizes at the door. For more information, call 422-4521.

Students and businesses join in Earth Day



Groups and bands gather on the green

by Lisa Springer

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The UCF Environmental Society will present Earth Day 1993 Wednesday, on the UCF Green.

This annual affair will feature such organizations as the Nature Conservancy, Florida Audubon Society, Save the Manatee Club and Central Florida Earth Alliance.

To advertise environmentally safe products, stores from the Orlando area will also be featured at the event. The Eco Store and the Crescent Moon, both of which sell environmentally safe clothing, jewelry, and other products. Father Nature will display such items as organi-

cally grown cotton and items made from hemp.

Along with the store and organizations, live music by Shock the Lizard and Two Doors Down will perform during the day on the green.

As part of Earth Day 1993, brief presentations will be made by The Environmental Society in order to inform students of concerns both on a local and international level.

Ten percent of the profits made will be donated to a nonprofit organization of the Environmental Society's choice.

Dana Barth, a member of the UCF Environmental Society says, "Earth Day '93 is for educational purposes. It will let people know of the concerns that we should have of the environment today."

Eco jobs grow for graduates

by Mark Schlueb

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Something was not right in Leslie Rutson's life.

Her future didn't seem all that promising. A freshman in college, Rutson was majoring in business. But she had to be honest with herself. The job market was tough, and she just couldn't see going through life as an accountant.

She wanted to get into a secure field and at the same time do something to improve her world, something to make her feel good about herself.

Rutson had talked to one of her mother's co-workers and was really interested in the person's job. The co-worker was an environmental engineer.

Finally, the day came when Rutson made the big decision. Falling asleep in economics class, she'd had enough. She changed her major to environmental engineering.

And she isn't alone. Rutson is part of a growing group of young people getting into one of the fastest-growing job markets in America—the environmental job market.

The last three years have been boom times for colleges and universities offering ecology-oriented degree programs. Enrollment has nearly doubled since 1989 at most

schools, and it shows no signs of slowing anytime soon.

The University of Central Florida's degree program for environmental engineers, for example, has shot up more than 50 percent over the past three years, according to Dr. Yousef A. Yousef, an environmental engineering professor at UCF.

"The up-and-coming field is environmental engineering," agreed Kathy Dobbins, a senior in that discipline at UCF.

The College of Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota has seen even greater increases, said Ann Mayhew, the assistant to the dean of the college. Enrollment in the school, formerly the College of Forestry, has grown from 336 in the fall of 1989 to 575 for the same period of 1992.

In response to the enrollment increases in eco-minded fields, U of M added a new degree program. Students can now earn a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies. The new curriculum has had tremendous response from the entering students, Mayhew said. "This fall, we've had almost half of the undergraduates in the College of Natural Resources

enroll in the Environmental Studies program." This is a substantial percentage, considering the new curriculum has only been in place since the fall of 1989.

Schools hit by these kinds of increases are attributing it to a resurgence of environmental awareness that has been gaining strength since the late '80s. Job market analysts are finding young people who were involved with local recycling and clean-up projects hoping to turn their earth-first attitudes into careers.

But a healthy environment isn't the only factor bringing some into eco-jobs. A strong demand in the marketplace is also leading many to turn their heads toward ecology fields. The last

few years have seen the introduction of new legislation that regulates the way businesses, states and municipalities interact with their environments. According to industry experts, there's a big demand for people who are familiar with the new laws and know what needs to be done to be in compliance with them.

"With an increased demand

"The up-and-coming field is environmental engineering."

- Kathy Dobbins
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Area businessman offers fundraising alternative that helps planet as well

by Bill Cushing
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Ron Cibara began researching the possibilities for his own business, he knew he wanted to work with something that would be environmentally sound and still provide his own efforts with a decent profit margin. He has worked in real estate and had his own restaurant but the care of the planet became his sole interest.

"I've been an environmentalist all my life," he said. "They used to call us hippies; now they call us environmentalists."

Originally from Chicago, Cibara has been in Orlando for over a decade. His company is Planet Earth Environmental Services, a firm that distributes a line of water conservation products at all marketing levels.

"I set this company up for my daughter," he said of the incentive behind choosing an environmentally-oriented company. "She's seven years old."

Planet Earth distributes three primary products that are used extensively throughout any house, business or enclosed environment: showerheads, sink aerators and toilet tank flappers.

"The government keeps telling citizens to cut back," he said. "But they don't tell us how."

That is where Cibara comes in. His products, he maintained, are ideal means by which any water user can save individual usage.

Calling it a "no-lose situation," Cibara explained that his products save the amount of water coming in, the amount of sewage going out and, consequently, money spent on the utility.

Although Cibara sells his products at the retail level — one of his biggest customers is Rollins College — he stressed that he wants to make it available to those interested in looking for a fundraiser that goes beyond the usual options of a car wash or bake sale.

"I target younger people because they are the ones who are suffering from (waste)," he said. "We are wasting their water, not ours."

All his products sell for \$10 or less, making them reasonably priced but it is in the savings that each offers a potential buyer that Cibara said a customer should find an attraction.

His most expensive item is the toilet flapper, the rubber stopper that is hinged at the drain of a toilet tank. His particular flapper closes faster because a hole in it does not allow it to float.

"It's not the volume of the water

but the weight that flushes the toilet," Cibara said. By sealing the amount of water leaving the tank in a shorter time, most toilets can flush with as little as 2 1/2 gallons each time.

The shower heads, for example, sell for only \$8.50 and Cibara said that the buyer should save that much money on water bills before the first year is over. Based on the average water pressure of 60 pounds per square inch, his showerheads use less than 2.5 gallons per minute as opposed to the average of 8 gpm. Similarly, his sink aerator cuts down on the flow of water rather than the actual water pressure itself.

But don't take Cibara's word for it.

Talk to Gar Vance, assistant director of residential life at Rollins College, and one of Cibara's biggest customers. In fact, Vance is probably also Cibara's best salesman.

"He's a little different than most salesman that call on me," Vance said, describing Cibara as very "informal."

"He stopped and gave me some literature and some samples," Gar recalled of their initial meeting. After testing the products out at his own house for several

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over the last few years on energy, water ...and air pollution — these areas all require careful attention. The students go where the jobs are," Yousef said.

The Clinton administration is expected to spur this growth through a greater emphasis on environmental issues. "They'll put a lot of money into building the infrastructure, which will open doors for our civil and environmental engineers," Yousef added.

The new president cannot carve these programs in stone, however. Industry analysts are unsure of what the future political climate may hold. Although hopeful about all the new jobs popping up,

Scott Izzo, president of the Student Conservation Association admitted, "Programs could disappear if a Republican president is in office. Certainly we saw a lot of cuts during the '80s." The SCA places applicants in internship conservation positions on federal land.

Others involved in the eco-job market are more certain of future opportunities. The Tampa office of the Environmental Careers Organization (ECO), a non-profit placement group, found positions for eight applicants in 1990, 35 in 1991 and 46 in 1992.

All agree that environmental

jobs are readily available for qualified people now, however. SCA fills 1,200 positions a year nationwide.

There are a wide range of jobs dealing with the way we interact with the environment. Prospective students can choose anything from park ranger to geologist to wildlife biologist.

Traditionally, recent graduates have gone to work for the federal government. Still a major employer, the government employed 36,955 people in their five primary environmental management agencies in 1992.

In ever-increasing numbers, however, degree-holders are going to work for local municipalities or in the private sector.

One reason for this is the higher

salaries private-sector jobs command. Starting salaries in federal agencies are low, ranging from \$15,808 to \$26,798 a year.

Relatively low salaries don't seem to discourage people, though. With colleges and universities churning out greater numbers of people into the environmental marketplace every year, increased competition is natural.

The SCA has 7,000 applicants a year for the jobs they fill.

That's why some placement agencies are saying a bachelor's degree may not be enough. "We ... advocate getting advance degrees..." ECO's Freedman said.

"The students go where the jobs are."

- Yousef Yousef
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Pro-life movement should re-examine its terrorist tactics

Like mice to the pied piper, it seems that civil disobedience follows the pro-life movement wherever it goes.

Recently, hordes of pro-life activists have descended upon abortion clinics throughout Central Florida. In response to their increasingly violent acts, an injunction was granted by Circuit Judge Robert McGregor restricting harassment at the clinics by certain pro-life activists. Fifty-one people were arrested in Melbourne recently for violating the injunction.

The reaction toward this injunction took an interesting twist when pro-lifers claimed they were being harassed by police, and their First Amendment rights were being violated.

Harassment? This statement is beyond belief. First, the injunction is not restricting anyone's freedom of expression. According to Jerri Blair, the attorney who helped the clinics gain the injunction, "the [pro-life activists] are not allowed to block access of the clinic or approach people to harass them, but [they] can still chant, sing, pray and march." Thus, no one's freedom of expression is being restricted. Instead, the injunction ensures a peaceful assembly under the First Amendment, protects the business interest of the clinic and protects their patrons' safety.

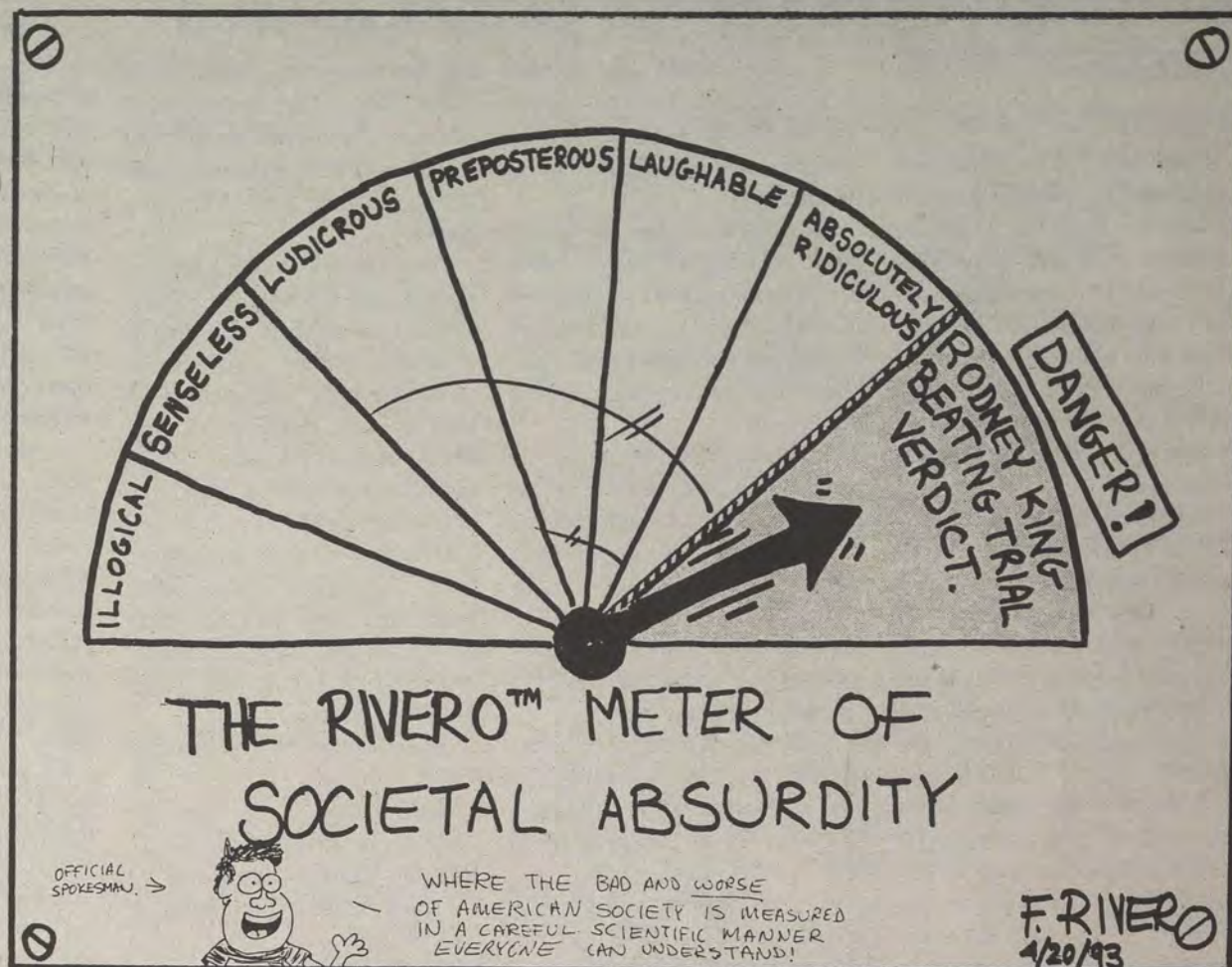
Second, we can not believe that some in the pro-life movement would have the gall to suggest they are being harassed. Their own acts closely resemble terrorism. It is bad enough that women who attend these clinics are scorned and ridiculed. But what is totally unacceptable is when these women are followed and sent doomsday abortion messages through the mail, often addressed to unsuspecting family members. In addition, doctors, judges, attorneys and their families are stalked and threatened with bodily harm.

There is no right under the Constitution that allows people to victimize others in this manner. Such activities undermine society by mocking the judicial system and depleting the resources of law enforcement officials. What is also unfortunate is that such activities tend to stigmatize all pro-lifers as raging lunatics. But there are many who can and do responsibly promote their ideology without resorting to violence.

The majority of pro-life students on campus are probably responsible, and as such, have an important role to play in this issue. We would like to see more of them on campus and in the community condemn these violent intimidation tactics.

It is very easy in today's society to just "throw up our hands" and seek the instant gratification of our goals. But if we all disregarded the law to gain what we feel is right, the entire fabric of society would collapse into chaos.

We have come too far to regress to the type of mentality represented by certain pro-life activists — too far to abandon the principles so many have sacrificed to preserve.



'Hitt' me with more Mad Dog!

Brian Costello

LE SOAPBOX



Times are tough. You'll no doubt put me in the same league as Tom Metzger for thinking this, but every night I try to sleep, and the question burns holes in my head: What should I work on this summer? My future or my tan? My future or my tan?

I try to seek solace through television, but Joey Laurence, the "actor" who plays the dumb, yet adorable brother on that show "Blossom," is now making what he calls "music," and the entertainment industry wants to make damn certain that I see his video at least 666 times.

I try to seek solace through religion, through the hope that when this life is over, I can pass on to something better, but even that hope has been dashed. You see, amigo (that's Spanish for "friend"), Brother Rick came back, he read last week's Le Soapbox column, and he told his congregation that I too will be burning in Hell with the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Keith Moon and Beaver Cleaver.

So I'm a hellbound, racially insensitive scumbag who has a special knack for always turning on the TV right when Joey Laurence is playing beach volleyball with a slew of video vixens. I guess the only solace I'll get will be found in Demon Alcohol, right?

Wrong.

Times are tough, indeed. The only brewskis you can get at Publix that cost less than \$2 anymore is Falstaff (The Choicest Product of the Brewer's Art), and I figure Sid Vicious and I will be drinking enough of that skunk piss when Brother Rick puts in the bad word for me to St. Peter. I almost abandoned all hope for this life (and the next one), until I had The Vision.

I had a dream.

Cheap wine! I can still use my hard earned \$10-a-column paycheck from the paper to buy cheap wine and I can have a little shindig to take my mind off things. I

can print up fancy-shmancy invitations, and I can invite my friends. I could even invite Dr. Hitt.

Which, by the way, I did.

I crossed out the "bad" words on his invitation, and I promised him an "All-Star Jam Featuring Failed Politician Frog the Lazy Bastard!"

I had the scenario in my head: We would all be drinking Night Train and eating Kraft Shredded Cheddar Cheese, having an exquisite old time when three knocks would resonate from my door.

I would answer the door, and it would be none other than the President of the University of Central Florida.

"Why hello, Brian!" he would say.

And then, I would be the first UCF student to say, "Good evening Dr. Hitt! Here, have a jelly-jar glass of Mad Dog."

This is where The Vision gets really cool. Dr. Hitt would become the life of the festival; singing, dancing, putting one of my lamp shades on his head, saying "Lock me up! I'm a wild man! Lock me up!"

All of us wine connoisseurs would think of him as the bee's knees, and we would put all of the Sucka MCs who ever dared to call him a stuffed shirt or a stick in the mud or a fanatical dictator of Germany, whose warped ambitions nearly destroyed a race of humanity, in their place.

But he never showed up.

It was sad and depressing, but not surprising. I guess he had better things to do, which is just as well. There's always next year, Dr. Hitt, and you'll always be on my guest list.

So which bottle of wine received the prestigious Le Soapbox Award for Wine Excellence?

Night Train.

A close second goes to Mad Dog, which is kick-ass as well. Both wines were priced under \$5.

We had four other bottles of cheap wine, and coincidentally enough, they each had a bouquet and taste that was reminiscent of Pine Sol.

So if there's anything to be learned from today's column (which is doubtful), it's this: If you must buy cheap wine because the beer you drink is getting too expensive, then by all means, get either Night Train or Mad Dog.

You'll be glad you did.

I'll talk to you next semester.

Bye now.

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months, Vance, who is in charge of the 19 residence halls occupied by 1100 on-campus Rollins students, convinced the school to purchase the products.

According to Cibara, Rollins initially purchased 250 showerheads and some of the aerators. Once they realized the savings involved, they came back for another 36 and Vance is currently considering the purchase of additional sink aerators.

chase of additional sink aerators.

"Overall I think that the physical plant in our department has had pretty dramatic water savings," Vance said, putting the amount of water saved in the hundreds of thousands of gallons.

Based on Cibara's estimates, Rollins saves upwards of \$750 a month on its bills. He plans on verifying that by paying Winter Park Water at the end of the fiscal year to produce a comparative printout of the 39 meters on the Rollins campus.

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Student Legal Services Legal Tip #2

What should I do to get my security deposit back?

This information on how to get a security deposit back is the second of a series of legal tips provided to students by UCF's Student Legal Services. To see if you are eligible for free legal advice or representation by a Florida Bar attorney in this or select other areas, call 823-2538 or stop by Student Center Room 210 from 8-5 p.m. Monday-Friday to schedule an appointment.

DILEMMA:

What steps should I take to better my chances of getting my security deposit back?

CURE:

1. First, meet with your landlord to discuss their definition of a clean and undamaged apartment. Also, if a move-in inventory was performed, get a copy of it now. The move-in inventory will not only show the format of an inspection but also will reflect whether or not there were damages that pre-existed your tenancy (ex. stains in carpet, worn vinyl).
2. Schedule a move-out inspection with your landlord.
3. Prior to that inspection, move all your belongings out and clean the unit. Student Legal Services sees a lot of charges for cleaning kitchens and bathrooms. So, pay special attention to those areas.
4. After moving and cleaning, take a video or pictures of your apartment. Also, have a friend inspect the apartment. These measures will provide you with evidence if there later is a dispute concerning the condition of the apartment.
5. Be present for the inspection. If the landlord notes any problems, ask if you can have an opportunity to cure it. If the landlord has a move out inspection sheet, request a copy.
6. At the inspection, deliver all keys to the landlord and get a signed receipt from them.
7. Provide a written notice of your forwarding address.

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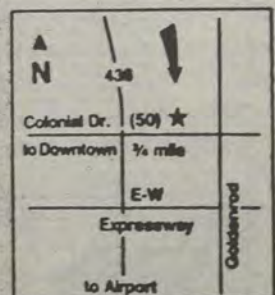
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How accurate were Trace's NBA picks?

by Trace Trylko

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NBA season draws to a close this week with several playoff spots still up for grabs. The CFF's Magic preview featured my 1992-93 NBA predictions and I'd like to revisit them in the last Tuesday issue of the spring semester.

Trace's prediction	Atlantic Division Standings through Sunday's games
New York	New York
Boston	Boston
New Jersey	New Jersey
Orlando	Orlando
Miami	Miami
Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Washington	Washington

Comment: Not bad, but I'm not in the clear yet. The Nets are only two games behind the Celtics. However, seven for seven is pretty decent.

	Central Division
Chicago	Chicago
Cleveland	Cleveland
Charlotte	Charlotte
Detroit	Atlanta (tied for fourth)
Indiana	Indiana
Atlanta	Detroit
Milwaukee	Milwaukee

Comment: My first two and the Bucks look secure. Positions three through six are still up for grabs. The Hornets are only a half game ahead of the Hawks and the Pacers.

	Midwest Division
Utah	Houston
San Antonio	San Antonio
Houston	Utah
Minnesota	Denver
Denver	Minnesota
Dallas	Dallas

Comment: Well, picking Dallas for last was a no-brainer. Everything else is not quite right. I just hope the Spurs can stay ahead of the Jazz.

	Pacific Division
Phoenix	Phoenix
Portland	Seattle
Golden State	Portland
Los Clippers	Los Clippers
Seattle	Los Lakers
Los Lakers	Golden State
Sacramento	Sacramento

Comment: Golden State was a good pick in the pre-season, but injuries killed them. Everybody had the Suns for first and the Kings for last, didn't they?

Well, I've got Cleveland over Phoenix in the championship series. Well, it sounded good at the beginning of the season. Go Cavs! As for the Magic, I predicted they would win 41 or 42 games. Well, they probably won't hit that total, but they'll come close. Going into tonight's game Orlando is 38-40.

Overall, I'm 17 of 27. Wait until fall, when I strike gold on my Major League Baseball picks. Enjoy the playoffs hoops fans.

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- 9) He didn't think the cheerleaders were cute enough
- 8) He fears being replaced with a coach from the University of Maine
- 7) He wants a new mascot
- 6) He was sick of the Future's messy-haired photo guy, Mike, hanging around
- 5) He couldn't pronounce Sinua Phillips' name
- 4) He's sick of getting parking tickets
- 3) He wants to coach in a conference with a shorter name
- 2) He can't figure out where the hell Mercer is
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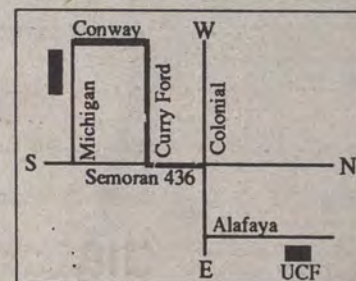
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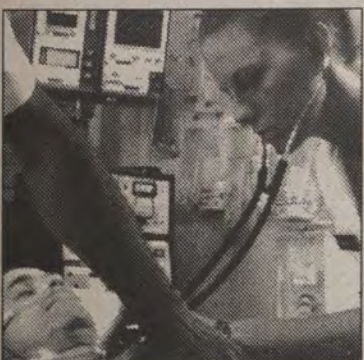
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Rugby players unite to help one of their own

by Jenny Duncanson
SPORTS EDITOR

As the seasons close on most UCF sports, the men's rugby team is beginning to prepare for one of their most important tournaments, the Todd Miller Sevens Tournament.

The regular collegiate rugby season begins in January and finishes with the championships in December. The teams take a hiatus from the regular season for the summer, but participate in tournaments which have no effect on the regular season standings.

The tournament UCF hosts is used to benefit Todd Miller, who was paralyzed during a

game in October 1991. A date for the tournament has not yet been determined.

"The reason for this tournament is to help Todd," said tournament director Joe Shimko. "When one of our teammates goes down, a little piece of all of us goes down."

"The reason for the tournament is Todd."

- Joe Shimko
UCF RUGBY

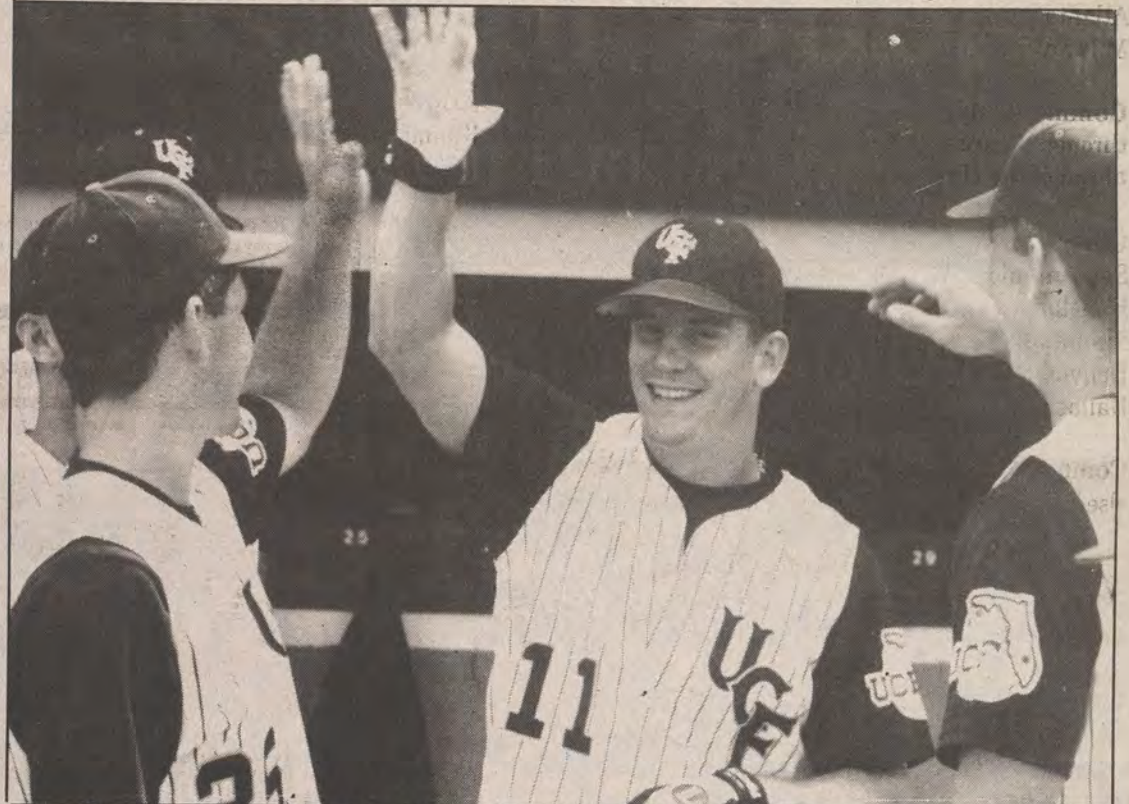
Miller currently lives outside Atlanta with his mother and sister and is still making progress towards his recovery. The prognosis was very open ended, and doctors said it is possible for Miller to fully recover.

This is the second year of the tournament, which raised \$2,500 for Miller's medical bills last year. This summer the team has set a goal of \$5,000 to

help Miller purchase a computer which will help him with his school work. They also hope to contribute money towards the purchase of a specially equipped van.

"Last year we didn't really set a goal," Shimko said. "This year we want more support from the community. We are getting a lot of things donated and I think we can make it."

The men have one more game left before the summer break. After a 90-0 pounding of NOVA University April 17, the team is ready to face the Bulls of the University of South Florida April 24. A victory over the Bulls will lodge the Knights in first place in the state. Kick-off for the men is 2 p.m., followed by a women's game at 4 p.m. A men's B-side game will be held following the women's game.



Tony Marrillia celebrates with Mike Halperin after the weekend's wins. Marrillia hit a double which scored the winning runs in Saturday's victory. (DeHoog/FUTURE)

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same wave length."

In Saturday's second game, UCF had lost all the emotional edge from the first game. In the first inning UCF gave up two runs and the Knights were playing catch up the entire game. They battled to tie the game at three in the fifth, but allowed three more runs in the sixth.

Starting pitcher Craig Cozart (2-1), came into the game with a 2.60 ERA, but gave up nine hits and four runs. Jay Veniard came on in relief and walked two. Both scored on hits given up by Jimmy Still. Still finally got the Knights out of the disastrous sixth.

UCF's batting remained in a dormant state, only getting three hits. "We were just flat, I couldn't believe how flat we were," head coach Jay Bergman said. "Even in this game though we had gobs of opportunities."

In Friday's game, the Knights showed how they have been winning games. In most of their recent victories, the opposing team has gotten more hits, but

the Knights have won.

Once again the Knights gave up eight hits while only getting five, yet they scored more runs. UCF got off to an early 3-0 lead on a two-run home run by first baseman Gabby Angulo.

FIU came back the next inning and scored three runs on three errors. It was a time when many teams psyche would have been shot.

The Knights battled back and scored two more runs and escaped a ninth-inning scare. Reliever Schlutt relieved starter Mike Halperin (4-4) and gave up two hits but struck the next two out for his sixth save, putting himself among the nation's leaders in saves.

Wednesday night at the UCF Baseball Complex, the Diamond Knights shut out 25th ranked South Florida, 2-0.

Freshman pitcher Tim Riegert (1-0), starting his first game at UCF, held South Florida to five hits in 7 2/3 innings.

"I knew what I had to do," Riegert said. "I was preparing all week."

Schlutt came on in relief and after giving up a hit, struck out

two for his fifth save.

The game was scoreless until the sixth inning. The Knights scored on a double by Angulo, driving in Marrillia, who had reached first on an error. One run would be all they would need for victory. However, they added another run in the seventh for insurance.

It looked as if the Knights wouldn't have done it though. With right fielder Matt Amman on second and Eddy Garcia on first, Jon Ball came to the plate and hit what looked to be a single, but Garcia was called out for interference with the second baseman. Amman, who had reached home, was sent back to third.

In a surprise move, Bergman sent Frank Fucile, batting .165, to pinch hit for Kevin Wainscott.

Before he could drive in the run, USF catcher Bob Ribinski passed the ball and allowed Amman to score. Fucile came through, anyway, hitting a double down the left field line.

"He came in and got his biggest hit of the year," Bergman said.

UCF will face USF Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Knights' regular season home finale.

Knights move into second place in TAAC

by Alan Byrd
STAFF REPORTER

With runners on first and second and UCF down 1-0 in the tenth inning, the Knights looked like they might come back and beat Florida International University. Center fielder Tony Marrillia stepped to the plate, sporting a .311 batting average. And like he's done so many times this season, Marrillia came through. He hit a double to the wall and drove in the game-winning runs.

"I just wanted to hit it hard enough to get the tie," Marrillia said. "But I knew if I got enough of it to get it to the wall, Spuddy (second baseman Eric Golden) would get in."

The Knights won the game Saturday afternoon, 2-1, but the momentum didn't carry over in the double-header; the Knights lost to FIU, 6-4 in the night cap. Still, UCF (23-23 overall, 6-6 in the Trans America Athletic Conference) took the three-game series from FIU (23-23, 5-6) with a victory, 5-3, Friday night.

By taking two out of three from FIU, the Knights climbed into second place in the TAAC's Eastern Division, two games behind Stetson. Stetson beat the College of Charleston twice to help out the Knights. Only the first two teams in the division go to the TAAC tournament.

The Knights will not face Stetson again this year, so they must rely on other teams to beat the Hatters to move into first. They face College of Charleston and FIU three more times each. If the Knights hold off Charleston to take second, the Knights will be in the tournament.

In Saturday's first game, the match-up featured a

TAAC Eastern Division Standings

Stetson	9-6
UCF	6-6
College of Charleston	7-8
FIU	5-7



The Diamond Knights celebrate after a tenth-inning victory over Florida International Saturday. The victory helped move UCF into second place in the TAAC Eastern Division (DeHoog/FUTURE)

pitching duel. Starter Joe Wagner could do no wrong, but didn't get the win. In 8 2/3 innings pitched he allowed only five baserunners, while fanning seven. Jason Schlutt (5-2) came on in relief and gave up a two-out RBI single giving FIU the lead. But FIU's starting pitcher did his own form of baffling hitters, giving up only five hits in 9 2/3 innings, but two of the hits gave him the loss.

"We were just getting ahead of the hitters," Wagner said. "(Catcher Scott) Loubier had them off balance. We knew what they could do."

Loubier, an ex-pitcher, has worked his way back into the starting line-up behind the plate. "I just called what I would throw," Loubier said. "Me and Joe are on the

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A week to go: Magic are still in the playoff hunt

Trace Trylko

MAGIC MANEUVERS

Tonight's Orlando Magic game is the next in a week-long series of must-win contests for this playoff-hungry squad. Following Orlando's 88-79 victory over Boston Sunday, the Magic (38-40) trail Atlanta and Indiana by two games in the fight for a playoff berth.

Sunday's win was not pretty, but it was effective. The Magic halted a two-game losing streak and kept the pressure on the Hawks and Pacers for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Shaquille O'Neal dumped in 20 points and grabbed 21 rebounds to lead the Magic in this defensive effort. It was the sixth time O'Neal has put up 20 or more points and rebounds in a game this season. O'Neal's low-key lockerroom demeanor once again was evident during post-game interviews.

"We came out and did what we had to do," O'Neal said.

Orlando rallied from a 24-21 first quar-

ter deficit and put up 33 points in the second. The Magic went to the half ahead 54-43 and maintained a 77-67 lead at the end of three. The game really got ugly in the fourth. The teams combined for 23 points and Orlando went on a more than eight minute stretch without a bucket.

Tonight, the Magic face the Washington Bullets. The Magic can not take the Bullets lightly, as they did with Philadelphia Thursday in a 101-85 defeat. Magic players know what is at stake.

"We need every win we can get. We're hoping some other teams we'll lose for us," Dennis Scott said.

In other action tonight, the Pacers travel to Atlanta in a key Central Division matchup. Orlando's finale with Atlanta Saturday night might determine who sews up the final playoff spot. Magic head coach Matt Guokas doesn't feel he has to pump up his squad down the stretch.

"Our players can read the paper. We've got the standings posted in the locker. If you've got to beat on a drum to get the guys motivated, then you're in trouble," Guokas said.

East playoff picture

	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	Conf	Magic
6-Charlotte	41	38	.519	—	20-19	21-19	26-27	1-3
7-Atlanta	40	38	.513	—	23-16	17-22	23-29	2-1
7-Indiana	40	38	.513	—	26-13	14-25	26-26	2-2
Detroit	38	40	.487	2	26-13	12-27	29-23	1-3
Orlando	38	40	.487	2	25-14	13-26	24-28	—

Remaining games for Orlando —Home: Tuesday, Washington; Saturday, Atlanta. Away: Wednesday, Boston; Friday, New Jersey.



Shaquille O'Neal muscles his way around Robert Parish en route to two more of the 21 points he scored in the Magic victory. (DeHoog/FUTURE)



Ray Bell with band Toxic Shock rock the house at Club Nowhere in Orlando. (dave bauer/future)

Toxic Shock Discovered At UCF

It was about 12:30 a.m. on a Saturday night last month at Orlando's Club Nowhere. Ray Bell, the vocalist of Toxic Shock, finishes yet another warm Budweiser and makes his way toward the stage. It is time for his band to go on. Bell formed Toxic Shock about five years ago in New York. Since then, the band has gone through numerous line-up changes, produced three tapes and is now on a six-week tour opening for thrash legends Nuclear Assault.

Catching up with Bell and guitarist Pat Servedio after Nuclear Assault vocalist/guitarist John Connelly finished, we had a spirited conversation about everything from warm beer to the band to the proliferation of the name "Buttafucco" in the headlines.

The text of that chat (minus meaningless banter) lies below ...

First of all, I have yet to hear you guys play. So what do you sound like?

Pat: Our (demo) tape has two different types of styles. One is like real thrash, and one is more Metallica-ish. Heavy metal.

Ray: We got to kind of grow and change with the times. So I think it kind of speaks for itself. It's stuff you really wouldn't expect. Our first show with Nuclear Assault was in January, and people were like, 'There's something different about this! I can't put my finger on it, but there's something different.'

Pat: There's a big difference. We were just screaming on the old stuff, and now there's melodies and harmonies and shit.

So what direction do you see the band progressing toward?

Ray: We got this tour happening. There's talk of a lot of other things. We're going to do some studio stuff as soon as we get off this tour.

What would you say are your biggest influences, musically?

Pat: I listen to everything. I've got the new Poison album. Our drummer has the Milli Vanilli tape. My tape collection goes from classical music to Napalm Death.

Ray: We all have different tastes as far as music is concerned. If someone came up to us with every album in the world and told us to each pick one album, we would all pick something different. That's what helps us with our sound.

What are some of your songs about?

Ray: "M.A.D." is a good one. Over the summer,

our good friend and guitarist ... an unfortunate thing happened. He shot himself. We don't know why; we didn't see it coming. There were no warning signs, but it happened. We were right in the middle of doing this tape (their second demo tape) — and this whole tape is a turning point for us, with this whole style change, and that was tearing us apart, because some of us wanted to do it, and others were like 'Fuck this! The hell with it.' But we got through it. It's more of a power ballad, like Testament's song "The Ballad" — it's along that line. Another song on the tape is called "The Things I Must Endure" which derives from — it's actually very complicated, it's about Alcoholics Anonymous. My father was an alcoholic; so I got involved in that to a point. And he always told me, 'Oh, the things that I must endure!' So, it's basically about dealing with life. We have another cut, "Show Me the Light" which is about how you have all these Catholic people telling you 'Don't have abortions!' and 'Don't do this!' and 'Don't do that!' Don't preach to me until you get your shit together.

What bands out there now are you into?

Ray: The new Flotsam and Jetsam album is great. Biohazard is great. The new Nuclear Assault is really good. The new Testament is good.

Pat: Yeah, we might be doing a few shows with them.

Politically, what one issue is the most important to you, and how do you incorporate that into your music?

Ray: Well, one thing that's been pissing me off is the weather by my house. It has nothing to do with my music, but I just felt like making that statement. Umm ... I don't know. We try to stay away from the political things, because that's kind of cliché. A lot of bands — Megadeth is real, real into politics. Let them do it. To me, I would just like to write something for someone to just sit down and say ...

Pat: Issues that hit home.

Ray: Yeah, that's it exactly. Anyone can watch the news and find out what's going on. And if you write a political song that's relevant today, tomorrow it won't be.

I heard you say before you were working on getting a major-label deal. Can you comment about that?

Ray: There's a lot of things that are up in the air for

Theatre's 'Laughing Wild' a lively understatement

If you think the new film "Falling Down" is an accurate chronicle of the frustrations of everyday life, get a quick reality check with "Laughing Wild," the latest offering from the folks at Theatre Downtown.

This two-person show stars Peg O'Keefe and Tom Sherohman and is a part of the company's newly-instituted "Lobby Series."

"Officially this is the second one," Sherohman said. Although the theater has previously used the lobby to show concurrent shows, they have decided to alternate regularly between five weeks on the main stage and three-week runs in the lobby itself to "make better use of our space."

And what a use of space this show is.

The show takes its title from the Beckett quote concerning "laughing wildly amidst severest woe," a phrase that seems equally applicable to both protagonists of this particular story, which starts with the two characters relating their own interpretation of a similar incident in which they confronted one another over a can of tuna fish in a grocery store.

As each relates his or her interpretation of the event, each takes the opportunity to proselytize on life. As it turns out, both want to "just breathe."

During these sets of discourse, everything in life — past and present — is covered: the Harmonic Convergence, Sally Jessy Raphael, Alcoholics Anonymous, Andy Warhol, abortion, Tony Orlando and Dawn, the environment, Diana Ross, homosexuality, Marky Mark, Chernobyl, even God and His hand in getting "Dreamgirls" a slew of Tonys while staying conspicuously absent from the Holocaust.

even though (she has) been in mental institutions."

"I've been to college, although I didn't read everything they assigned," she announces. "I mean, what good would it have done?"

O'Keefe plays her part with a comedic skill, timing and body language of a cross between Jackie Gleason, Lucille Ball and Robin Williams. Besides, it's difficult to disagree with a certifiably insane woman who "wants Dr. Ruth and Mother Theresa to fight to the death in the coliseum."

Sherohman's character, on the other hand, declares that he is "sensitive to the vibrations around me. Either that, or I'm paranoid."

His character is "starved for some meaning in (his) life" and is constantly striving for that peacefulness that eludes him in his personality workshops. He manages a relative demeanor of calm although he admits that "under the surface there is always that queasy feeling of anxiety."

The first act is split between the monologues delivered by each.

Then, in the second act, they manage to get together.

Suffice it to say that things get really weird at that point, although there is a resolution of sorts by the end of the show.

If you have ever been frustrated by the futility of life, angered by other's ignorance or lack of intelligence, or just generally p.o.'d at people, you might want to check out "Laughing Wild."

It allows you to identify with the two characters as well as get a few good laughs at the same time.

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Peg O'Keefe battles Tom Sherohman in hilarious "Laughing Wild." (courtesy/THEATRE DOWNTOWN)

THE FACTS:

"Laughing Wild" is shown every Fri. and Sat. evening at 8 p.m. until May 1, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on this Sunday. Ticket prices are \$5 for the Sunday matinee and \$8 for the evening shows. Students, military personnel, senior citizens and Walt Disney World employees may purchase evening tickets for \$6.



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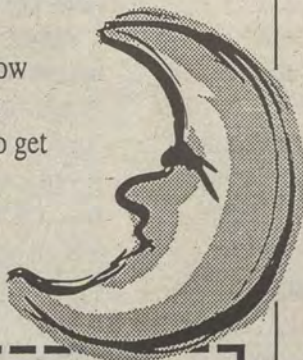
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Depp isn't the only one out of his tree in new film

Have you ever been truly mad about someone?

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"Benny & Joon," a romantic drama, probes this question through the lives and loves of the Chaplinesque Sam, played by Johnny Depp and the mentally ill Joon, played by Mary Stuart Masterson, who wins him when she loses in a poker game.

The film owes all of its greatness to the genius of Depp. Before he arrives on screen the film is dull and boring, but after, there is a sense of imagination, creativity and energy. The simple recreation of Chaplin's can-can dancing with rolls in a diner then sliding to catch a tray full of food and starting a juggling act with its plates is inspired. He sits in tubs that have no water in them, and talks with Joon about the raisins on television that "scare them."

With each passing film role, Depp becomes more and more brilliant. From "Cry-Baby" to "Edward Scissorhands" to "Benny & Joon," he shows a level of acting maturity rarely found in Hollywood. One of Depp's upcoming projects is a reteaming with "Scissorhands" director Tim Burton for the biography of '50s B-film director "Ed Wood."

Other aspects of the film, however, seem rather unbalanced. While Depp acts almost effortlessly through the material, actress Masterson as Joon and actor Aidan Quinn as Benny seem to have trouble conveying their emotions well. Quinn's character was originally supposed to be played by Woody Harrelson, who dropped out of the project to play one of the leads in Adrian Lyne's "Indecent Proposal."

Quinn seems lost in the role with no real emotional direction. When a girl asks him out to dinner at his mechanic job, he has almost no emotional reaction.

Masterson, who was seen earlier this year in "Married to It," gives an innocent but violent portrayal of a finger-painting, peanut-butter shake-making schizophrenic. However, her attractiveness contrasted her temper and provoked a mixed reaction.

Jeremiah Chechik, who directed "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," seems at home when the comical Depp enters the frame, but when the film recedes into drama, he loses his footing. One scene which portrays the death of Benny and Joon's parents in a car crash has nearly no cohesiveness in the story. During these kinds of sequences, the film tends to become monotonous.

The film starts off as a clichéd drama about a brother and sister whose relationship is saved by a magical person who enters their life. The antics toward the end, however, become cartoonish, especially when Depp falls off a swing while hovering near a hospital's four-story window. He hits the ground with a resounding thud, gets up and says "ouch."

Without Depp, "Benny & Joon" would have been a very slow-paced and monotonous film without magic. But with his performance and a great soundtrack with songs by Temple of the Dog and Joe Cocker, the film becomes an entertaining view of the misunderstood.

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Aidan Quinn (Benny) and Mary Stuart Masterson (Joon) as brother and sister must learn to love and let go in the romantic comedy 'Benny & Joon' (courtesy/MGM)

Albert Finney makes new start in 'Rich In Love'

Sleeper could be 'Driving Miss Daisy' of this year in film.

Back in 1989 the film "Driving Miss Daisy" was a huge success, winning both critical and audience approval and a much-deserved Academy Award for Best Picture. Now the same team that brought "Driving Miss Daisy" to the screen (including Screenwriter Alfred Uhry and Director Bruce Beresford) has created the film "Rich in Love," a charming blend of comedy and drama filled with great characters.

The film opens with the departure of Helen Odom from her husband of 27 years, Warren. She leaves him confused and alone with their daughter Lucille. Lucille and Warren are forced to adjust and decide to go on with their lives and explore new loves.

There is a lot of love in "Rich in Love," and most of it is generated by Albert Finney. This great British actor has adopted a southern accent and some great charm to play Warren Odom, a man who eats potato chip and mayonnaise sandwiches and rides a lawnmower down the street. Finney adds just the right amount of quirkiness to his character and is a joy to watch.

The central character in the film, however, is Lucille. Unfortunately, she is also the least interesting of all the characters. She is solemn and seems older than her own father. This is not the fault of Kathryn Erbe ("What About Bob?") who does a commendable job with the part.

Fortunately there are other characters, like her older pregnant sister Rae — played with spunk by Suzy Amis — that are far more interesting and



Alfre Woodard (left) stars as Rhody Poole, an Odom family friend and confidante, who helps Kyle MacLachlan understand his new in-laws in "RICH IN LOVE." (courtesy/MGM)

multi-dimensional. Rae's new husband is played by Kyle MacLachlan, a refreshing change from his "Twin Peaks" Agent Cooper.

Also appearing in the film are Jill Clayburgh as the estranged mother, Alfred Woodard as a family friend, Ethan Hawke ("Alive") as Lucille's boyfriend and Piper Laurie as Warren's hairdresser and new love. Laurie brings some life to her character despite the size of the role she plays in the film.

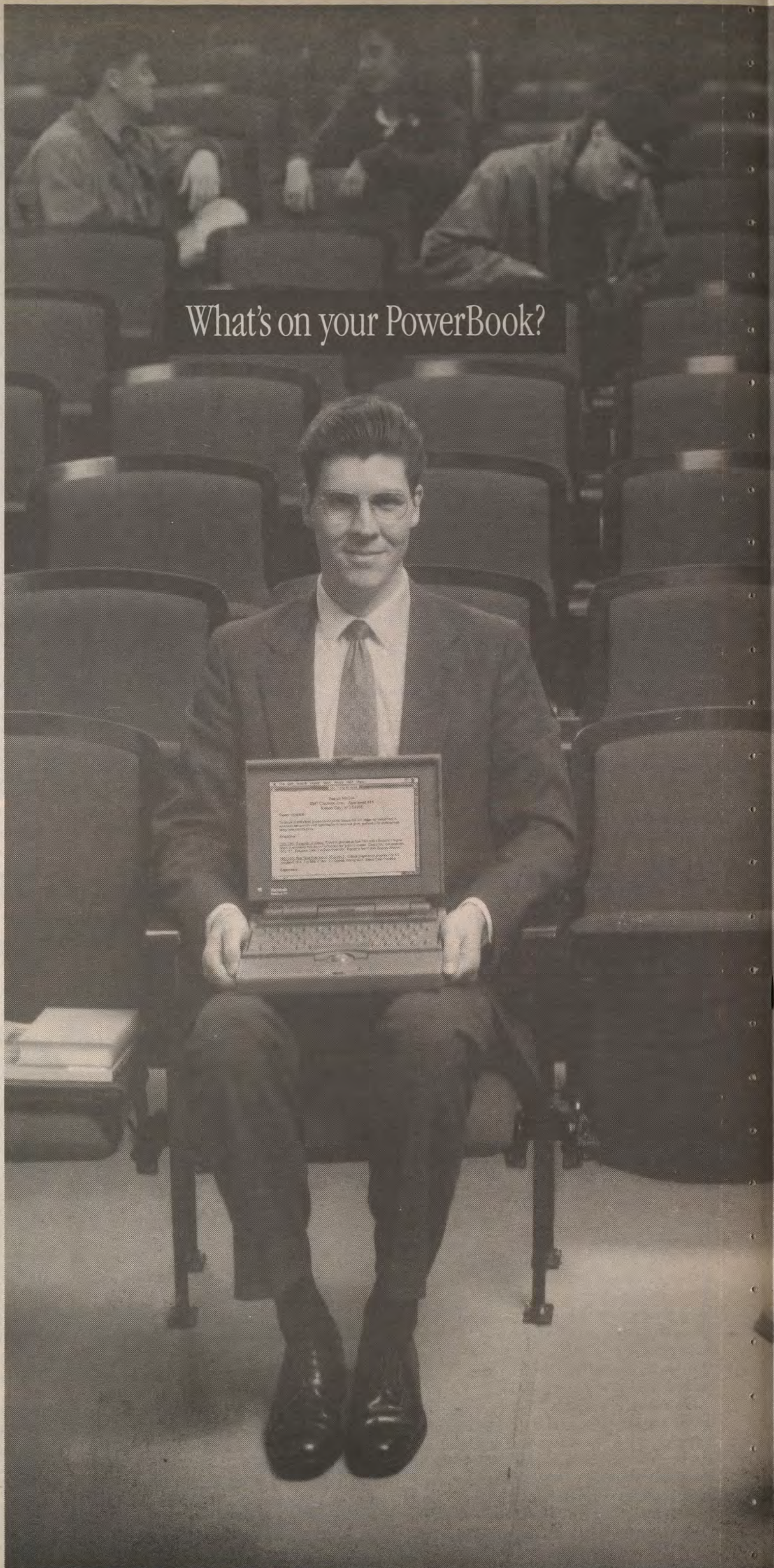
"Rich in Love" could have been a heavy-handed and overly sentimental film. Instead it is simply a lighthearted and comical look at a southern family's lives and loves, and thanks to a great cast and some truly memorable characters, it succeeds.

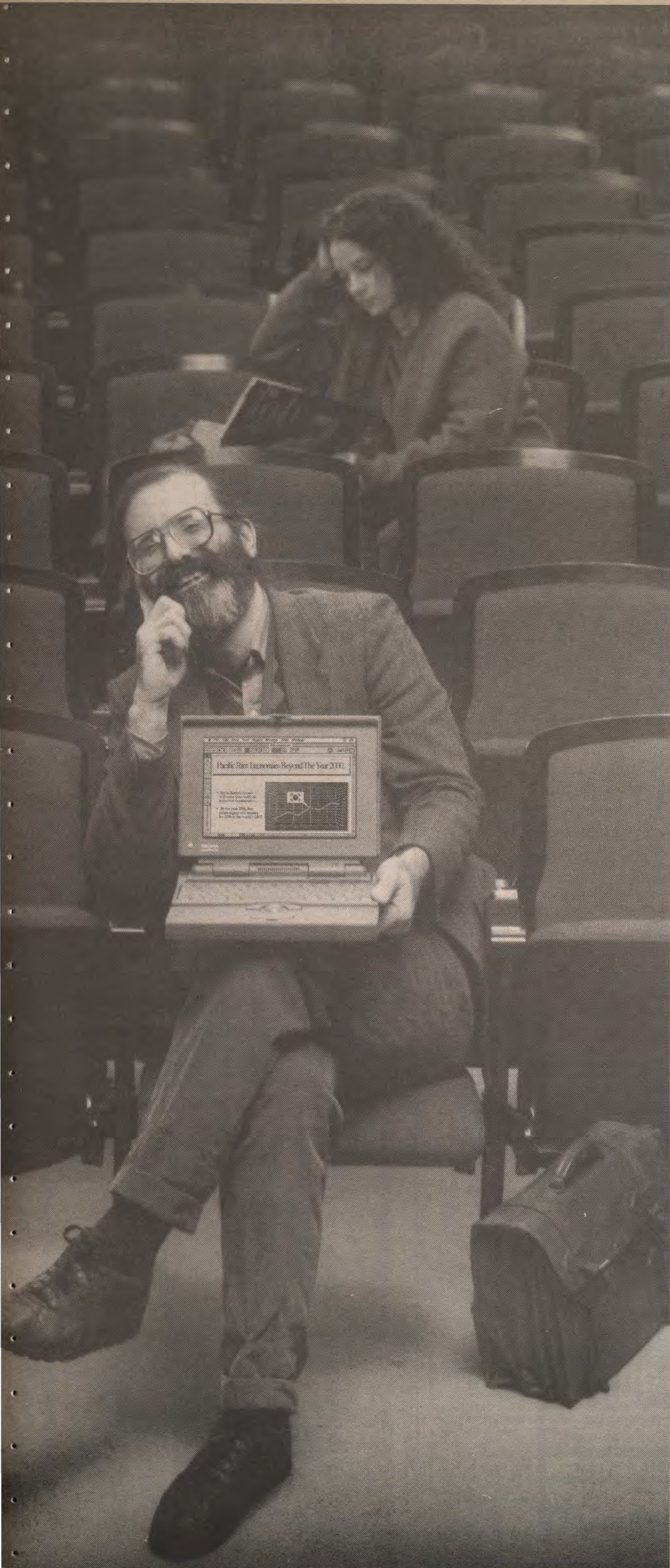
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'1964' gives UCF a look at the Beatles

Walking into the Student Center Auditorium last Tuesday was like being transported back to the '60s.

Groupies screamed and danced while the Beatles played.

Actually, it wasn't the Beatles but 1964, a band that has dedicated itself to imitating the Beatles. Band members Gary Grimes (Paul), Tom Work (George), Greg George (Ringo) and Mark Benson (John) went so far as to cosmetically alter their faces to look like the Fab Four.

Everything was a perfect replica, from the British accents to the black suits and moppy haircuts. According to George (Ringo), the band studied Beatle movies and researched Beatle music history for authenticity. In fact, Greg was a perfect imitation down to the split leather "Beatle boots," which he explained were actually Cuban boots with a seam down the center.

These guys were "Beatle" down to their underwear.

Listening to the deafening music coming out of the modern sound-blasting speakers, crazed fans danced before the platform doing '60s dances like the twist and dances reflective of the decade's acid culture.

1964 started off with "I Saw Her Standing" and followed with the Beatles classic "I Want to Hold Your Hand." Near the middle of the concert the Beatlemania fans were given a special treat with "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout" and "Roll Over Beethoven."

There was also one straggly, thin kid twisting like he was on acid. He moved like the lead singer of the Soup Dragons, acting as a reminder of the influence the Beatles had on music history and modern music.

1964 did a terrific job of playing the Beatles, and all the fans (400 or more) were quite happy about the performance. The band reciprocated by giving an encore of four additional songs for their love and adulation. In addition, those assembled for that evening could actually hear the music (something that never occurred at Beatles concerts due to the crowd).

In 1964's rendition of "She Loves You (Yah! Yah! Yah!)", lead singer Grimes (Paul) generated the same heart-throbbing fans' screams and enthusiasm as the real Beatles might have, while spinning and shaking his moppy head in true Beatles-style motion.

1964 was "fab" fun.

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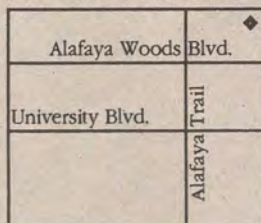
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'Cheers' writer Levine discusses baseball in new book 'It's Gone...'

Looking at the cover of "It's Gone! ... No, Wait a minute ..." by Ken Levine, one would think it is a book only for the baseball enthusiast. Yes, it helps to know a little about baseball, but there is much more to the book.

"It's Gone" is basically a diary of Levine's year as the radio announcer for the Baltimore Orioles. It provides a day-by-day insight of every aspect in his life, from the opening days of spring training to closing day.

Levine is best known as one of the writers of "Cheers" and "M.A.S.H." From the day he first heard Vin Scully with his dad, he had a dream of being a radio announcer for a major league team. After sitting in the stands practicing play-by-play for the Dodgers and working for minor league teams, he got the call with the Orioles.

While he could just emphasize what he did behind the microphone, instead he emphasized what the team did, what his friends did, what his wife and family did, and what his fantasy baseball team did.

Not only did he give a broad aspect of his life, he provided it with the humor he has used to his advantage in his television writing. In describing a double-header against Kansas City he said, "this was the first Sunday double-header at Royal Stadium since 1974 ... scheduled double-headers are about as rare as presidential resignations — and when was the last time you remember one of those?"

In another instance he was being prophetic and didn't know

it. He said "Cheers" would be on until Nolan Ryan retired. This is true, since both are now in their last season.

The style in which he wrote the book adds to the nature of the book. Instead of writing in a traditional novel style, he takes each day and puts it into a separate category. Throughout the season, not a day was missed. Even off days, when he would sleep in and do nothing, were included.

The book would not be complete if he didn't discuss his relationship with his wife and family. Throughout the book, his love for his wife showed, and, since they could not make the move to Baltimore, he showed his disdain for being away. Regularly, he discusses what he has missed and his conversations.

While most of us would look at the job of announcer as a wonderful job because of the daily conversation with the players, he shows the downside, such as the travel, the long night flights, the loneliness of being away from home and two hours of Oriole talk during rain delays.

A great book brings a tear to my eyes the same way I can't be seen after watching "The Color Purple." "It's Gone" is one such book. At the end, when lamenting over the season, he touches the heart of anyone who has ever spent time away from the one you love, as he shows love overcomes even the biggest dreams.

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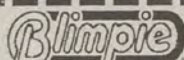
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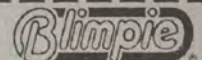
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